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CITY OF LANCASTER.

Thursday Morn'g, March 11, 1858

News from Utah, New Mexico and Kansas.

The Missouri Republican of the 2d, has the latest intelligence from Our Western and Southwestern territories. J. M. Hackaday, Esq., U. S. Attorney for the Territory of Utah, was in St. Louis on the 1st. He left Camp Scott early in January. He says that the U. S. Army had not been put upon half rations as reported, but it has been deemed expedient to lessen the quantity of some articles at the same time that others were increased.

Judge Watts from Santa Fe, was in St. Louis on the 1st. From him the Republican learns:

Capt. Marcy who was dispatched by Colonel Johnston, from Camp Scott, with a company of men to proceed to New Mexico, for the purpose of procuring animals to be used in the transportation of supplies, &c., into Great Salt Lake City, at the beginning of operations in the spring reached the neighborhood of Santa Fe on the 21st of February. He had been in the mistake not more than six days in making the trip, and lost a large number of his mules, besides suffering great hardships. He would proceed at once to make his purchases for the expedition, and return as soon as possible. The trip will not be made with greater expedition and comfort than has attended the present one.

A correspondent of the Republican, writing from Santa Fe on the 31st of January, gives the following information.

On the 18th inst., a very serious encounter occurred between deputy Surveyor Kelley and his party and a lot of Mexicans at a little town in the neighborhood of Albuquerque. Two of the Mexicans were killed—the only lives lost—though Mr. Kelley and party, as I learned suffered severely in the way of property and animals stolen. It appears that some of Mr. Kelley's party missed a pistol under circumstances which placed the theft of it, beyond doubt, upon a Mexican of the little town, who had visited their camp. The surveying party followed the thief to the town, in one of the houses of which he took refuge. A demand was properly made for the property, but it seemed that the authorities and people determined to protect the culprit, and the demand was refused. The surveying party persisting, were attacked with stones and missiles, and a resort was soon had to pistols, with the fatal result already mentioned. The matter was undergoing judicial investigation at the last advice, but no doubt is entertained here that Mr. Kelley was justified in every respect.

The Republican in an article of Kansas news, thinks the country should be satisfied that the Black Republicans and Laneites do not wish to see peace restored in the territory, as they have "a self-constituted lawless committee going to the Territory, and driving out of it every man who will not be ruled by them." This is certainly bad. The Republican has before its astonished eyes an "original note addressed to one of the members of the Legislature elected from Leavenworth county, in which it is said:

"At a meeting of the citizens of Leavenworth held at Market Hall, on Saturday evening last, George H. Shotwell, M. M. Jewett, J. M. Dickson, and G. W. Hogeboom, were appointed a committee to ask of those who were candidates upon the Democratic ticket voted for on the fourth day of January last, under the Leocompton Constitution an answer to the following question: whether in the event of certification of election should be given you by John Calhoun you will accept the office and attempt to perform the duties thereof? As you were candidates on said ticket, we now discharge the duties assigned us, and put to you the above interrogatory, requesting an answer at an early day. Respectfully, GEO. H. SHOTWELL, Chairman.
Now, this is very shocking; and as the

original document is in the Republican office, it is to be presumed that the "member elect from Leavenworth" has taken leave of his constituents, and is traveling for his health. It will be observed that the Republican does not hesitate to say that the note quoted above was addressed to one of the members of the Legislature elected from Leavenworth county. This member, thus recognized as "elect" is of course pro-slavery. It will be remembered that the pro-slavery candidates for the Legislature in Leavenworth county must according to the admission of Calhoun, depend for success upon the Delaware Crossing returns, counting the 379 votes. The declaration of the Republicans therefore, to the effect of the pro slavery candidates in Leavenworth county are elected, is equivalent to saying that the Delaware Crossing returns—the number of votes amended so as to give 379 Democratic majority, instead of 40, as certified by the juries of election—are held to be fixed fact, giving the majority in the Legislature, under the Leocompton constitution to the pro-slavery party. The Republican commenting on the above quoted says:

Failing to get a satisfactory answer to all their demands, they threatened to assassinate all the members unless they left the Territory. This they were forced to do, and we hear that the members left the Territory, taking the route to Washington by the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad. The Territory is in the hands of Lane's assassins, and no man who does not belong to the gang is safe from their attacks.

What, then, becomes of the assertions of the Washington Union, the Philadelphia Pennsylvania, and the New York Herald that the people of Kansas are anxious for the admission of their Territory under the Leocompton act? And what is the Federal Army of occupation in Kansas about? Why are not the bayonets and sabres stationed there, employed vigorously that the Territory may be taken out of the hands of Lane's assassins?"

Singular Murder—Two Boys killed their Mother's Paramour.

It seems that the murderer's red hand is never still. Hardly a week passes, now-a-days, but we hear of a fatal affray of some kind. We are reliably informed that a murder was committed at Lytleton Station on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, last Sunday night. Mrs. Manly, a widow woman, resides with her two sons near Lytleton. For a long time the sons have suspected that an improper intimacy existed between the widow and a man of rather bad character living in the neighborhood. On Sunday night the two boys left home intending to remain away over night but something occurred which induced them to return sooner than they expected. Upon entering the house they discovered the mother and the suspected man coupling one bed, and maddened by the thought of their disgrace, they fell upon him with a terrible ferocity, beating him so severely, that death resulted a short time afterwards. We have the above from a highly credible source.

P. S.—We learn that one of the boys is about ten years of age and the other about fifteen. Shortly after committing the desperate deed, they made their escape, one taking an eastern train and the other coming west. The man was stabbed three times through the heart, and is supposed to have died almost instantly. The boys had frequently warned him to discontinue his visits to the house, threatening to kill him if he did not. Mrs. Manly kept a little grocery at Lytleton.—*Wheeling Intelligencer.*

REMARKABLE CIRCUMSTANCE.—The following circumstance is related to us by one of our prominent citizens, who received the intelligence by letter from his wife, now residing in the State of New York.

On the night of the terrible destruction of the Pacific Hotel, a little brother of Mr. Henry Rochester, living at home with his parents, near Avon, in the State of New York, awoke some time after midnight with screaming and tears, saying that the hotel in St. Louis was on fire, and that his brother Henry was burning to death. So intense was his alarm and horror, that it was with considerable difficulty he could be quieted.

On the following day at noon the parents received a telegraphic dispatch from this city confirming the little boy's dream in every particular.—[Missouri Democrat.

A young man, clad in homespun, was standing in Court street, a few days since, devouring a doughnut, when he was accosted by one of a half a dozen genteelly dressed city idlers, with—

"Just come down?"
"Yes, guess I have; great place this, ain't it, you?" said the countryman.

"Tis so, bub; how's your marm?" asked the city buck, bent on sport with "greeny."
"Well, she's putty well; she sent me down here on business."

"She did? What kind of business are you on?"
"Why, she wanted me to come down to Boston, and look round and find half a dozen of the biggest fules in Boston, and bring 'em up country to educate 'em; and I rather guess I've got my eye on 'em now," said the stranger, taking the whole crowd at a glance.

The next moment he had the edge-toe to himself, where he quietly finished his doughnut.

What part of a ship is like a farmer's tiller.

Why don't you take the Paper?

BY KATHARINE P. WILLIS.

Why don't you take the paper?
They're the life of my delight;
Except about election time,
And then I read for spite.

Subscribed: you cannot lose a cent—
Why should we be afraid?
For cash this paper is money lent
On interest four-fold paid.

An old newspaper friend of mine,
While I sat by a couch,
Desired to hear the latest news,
While he was going off.

I took the paper and I read
Of some new pills in vogue;
He bought a box—and is the dead
No—hearty as a horse.

I knew a printer's debtor once,
Back'd with a scorching fever,
He sent to pay her debt next day,
If her doctors would leave her.

Next day she was again at work,
Divested of her pain,
But did forget to pay the debt,
Till taken down again.

"Here, Jesse, take these 'silver wheels,'
Go pay the printer's note;
She spoke, and slept, and then awoke
With health upon her brow.

I know two men as much alike
As two peas in a pod;
And no Phariseist could find
A difference in their bump.

One took the paper, and his life
Is happier than a king's;
His children all can read and write,
And talk of men and things.

The other took no paper, and
While strolling through the wood,
A tree fell down upon his crown,
And killed him "werry good."

Had he been reading of the news
At home like neighbor Jim,
I'll bet a cent that accident
Would not have happened him.

Why don't you take the paper?
For from the printer's pen,
Because you borrow from his key
A paper every week.

For he who takes the paper,
And pays his bills when due,
Can live at peace with his own man;
And with the Printer too.

Men change but principles do not
is a declaration often issued from political
foundations. It is true. Men do change,
while principles are eternal. But in the
present day—called, with aptness, fast-
moving, and full of changes, men are made with
extraordinary celerity. We have two cases
in point. Four months ago the Adminis-
tration was clamorous for popular sov-
ereignty, claiming it as the fundamental
principle of Democratic faith. Now it
seeks to crush out that principle, and is
banishing from the precincts of the federal
treasury, and even expelling from the
party, through the officials organs, those
who vow their devotion to popular sov-
ereignty. All this within four months!

Taking into consideration the age and hab-
its of the Press, the somersets really won-
derful. Were he a young man, possessed
of the progressive qualities and nimbleness
which animate the growing politicians of
the country; he might have performed the
revolution within twenty-four hours, with-
out injury to nerve or muscles.

The other case though more tardy in
movement, is equally feignous. A few
years ago, one John Mitchell made his en-
trée from a British penal colony into this
country. He had been a Revolutionist, or
something of that character, in Ireland,
and he tried the same thing here. He
started a newspaper, an Irish Organ, and
convinced bawling Americanism, as ex-
hibited in the Know-Nothing organization
John and himself came into political colli-
sion, from the simple fact that he preached
and we Americanism.

We formed a harsh opinion of Mr. Mit-
chell—probably we said harsh things of him
for we looked upon his journalistic foray
as impudent and scandalous to the whole
country. Nothing went down
and so did John Mitchell. The former
flipped over into the American party, and
the latter slid on to a plantation in Ten-
nessee. But a short time has elapsed, and
as signor Blitz would say over his magic
feats, presto vato change! John Mitchell
is now preaching Americanism! He has
purchased another press, he is out with
another journal, and he is advocating with
full force of his pen, a reform of the
naturalization laws! Hear him:—

"The present naturalization laws are no-
toriously administered most loosely and in-
efficiently. The courts which give an
intended citizen his papers, often give him
informal and insufficient papers, so that he
cannot perfect his citizenship in another
State. Thus some are kept from voting
who have a right to vote. Many others
are admitted who never ought to be—and
evidence is taken of an applicants fitness
for the duties of an American citizen and
of his attachment to the American Con-
stitution, from the mouth of aliens, who
perhaps never saw America before that day.
On the whole there is a fatal facility
even for the honest and bona fide immi-
grant. And when besides this, you con-
sider the immense infusion of pauperism
and crime, it will become apparent that
the United States is in danger of being
made the common refuge-house, refugeum
peccatorum, and penal colony of the world."

What a astonishing Somerset! John
Mitchell, you are a triple fellow. We set
you down as fully qualified to enter the ar-
ranks of American politics. Verily, men
change but principles do not.—[Cincinnati
Times.

STEAMBOAT BURN.

NEW ORLEANS, March 3.—A dispatch
from Mobile states that the steamboat Eliza-
beth was burnt at Kemp's Landing
near Demopolis, on Monday morning.—
Thirty-nine lives lost, with twelve hundred
bales of cotton. Among the lost was Rev.
M. Newman of Louisville. Many persons
were frozen in the water.

Anti-Leocompton Letter from Hon. W. S. Groesbeck.—A Good Democrat.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 1858.

GENTLEMEN—I have just received your
note inviting me to be present, on the 2d
of March, "at a meeting of the Democrats
of Hamilton county, who voted for Mr.
Buchanan, and who are committed to the
doctrine of Popular Sovereignty in its in-
tegrity, opposed to forcing upon any peo-
ple a Constitution against their 'known
and expressed will,' and therefore opposed
to the Leocompton Constitution."

My duties here will not allow me to be
with you, but I take the occasion to say I
am in sympathy with your meeting.

In the language of your note, I am com-
mitted to the doctrine of Popular Sov-
ereignty, and it is with me something more
than a motto for a transparency in a polit-
ical procession, or at an evening meeting.
It is a sacred doctrine, not to be cheated or
outwitted, or overcome by illegal forms
and technicalities, but always to be guard-
ed and preserved in its integrity.

With you I am opposed to forcing upon
any people a Constitution against their
known and expressed will. I have before
me the known and expressed will of the
people of Kansas against the Leocompton
Constitution. It is the last expression of
their will, made, not rebelliously, nor ir-
regularly, nor illegally, but under the
sanction and in pursuance of a law of the
law of the Territorial Legislature; not only
so, but made fairly and peaceably, and on
the day when those who favored the Con-
stitution were cut in all their strength, and
if able, would have voted down the oppo-
sition.

I cannot understand why this is a null-
ity. We are urged to accept this Constitu-
tion, as a majority of the people can im-
mediately set it aside, without any regard
to the time and mode of amendment pre-
scribed in it. If this be so, if in opposi-
tion to the Constitution itself, they can do
this, he who is it have no power over it
before it is adopted? If the majority can
overturn a living, binding Constitution, re-
gardless of its provisions, it would seem
that the same majority have some control
over a Constitution not yet vitalized, and
which, as yet, is but inchoate, and vests no
rights.

In the case of Florida, her proposition to
come into the Union as a State, as pend-
ing in Congress, I think, seven years.—
Will it be pretended, if her Territorial
Legislature has passed a law to take the
sense of the people on the Constitution, at
any time during that period, and a
large majority had in pursuance of the
law directed that the Constitution be re-
called with a view to change it, that Con-
gress would treat such action as a nullity?
A Constitution for New Mexico has been
before Congress about five years. Cannot
the people reconsider it, at any time before
it is acted on by Congress? The applica-
tion of a foreign State or a Territory to
be admitted into the Union, may be regard-
ed as a proposition to enter into a compact,
which, like any other proposition, may be
recalled at any time before it is accepted.
In the case of Kansas, however, the
large majority voted down this Constitu-
tion, before it was brought to Congress.
But I will not go into an argument now.
I may present my views upon the subject
hereafter.

There have been great irregularities
heretofore, in the proceedings under which
Territories have been prepared to become States,
and in the absence of an Enabling Act,
there is no fixed rule to pursue. But this
may be said of all the previous cases.—
There was satisfactory evidence of the ac-
quiescence of the people. Having this,
irregularities could be overlooked. Now,
for the first time in our history, it is sought
to compel a people to accept a Constitu-
tion, which they have, not implicitly but
expressly and promptly rejected. This is
not Democracy. I rejoice to say it has
precedence in the past, and let us hope,
for our country's sake, it may not become
a precedent for the future.

Very respectfully,

W. S. GROESBECK.
Judge Caldwell,
Joseph A. Heman,
W. C. McDowell, Esq.,
Alex. Paddock, Esq.,

From New York.

New York, March 3.—The grand rally
of the Democracy in support of the Kansas
policy of the Administration, filled Mozart
Hall last evening, and was a most success-
ful demonstration. The speeches and re-
solutions all indicate a determination to
sustain the President at all hazards. Ad-
dresses were delivered by Ex-Gov. Jones
of Tenn., Hon. Mr. Hughes of Ind., Bibbo
of Tenn., and others.

FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—In a former
dispatch it was stated, on the authority of
leading Democrats, that the calculation
was that the Kansas bill would pass the
House by fifteen majority. On the con-
trary, the leading anti-Leocomptonists are
anguine of its defeat, and are working in-
dustriously to that end.

Gen. Iram Dye has been appointed Mar-
shal for the Northern District of Illinois,
in place of Mr. Davidson removed.

Weather at noon. sky variable, wind
Northwest, mer. 32.

An ERECT.—Many lives might be saved
by a knowledge of this receipt: a large
teaspoon full of mustard, mixed in a tum-
bler of warm water, and swallowed as
soon as possible, acts as an instant emetic,
sufficient to remove all that is lodged in
the stomach.

CONGRESSIONAL.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—House.—The
House resumed the consideration of Sen-
ate's resolutions concerning naval retiring
boards.

Mr. Whitley argued in favor of the
resolutions, severely criticizing the pro-
ceeding of the board.

Mr. Bockock opposed them, contending
that their proceedings were just, and even
if reversed, that many of its victims, who
are now expecting to be placed back in the
navy, would find themselves mistaken.

Messrs. Winslow and Seward both ad-
vocated the resolution, and it finally pass-
ed by 71 majority. Adjourned.

SENATE.—In the Senate Mr. Hammon
introduced a joint resolution authorizing
the Secretary of Navy to pay the officers